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SCRAPPING SCENIC ROADS.

Automobiles have worked havoc with the so called scenic roads of the west. The usefulness of the latter has ceased and they are being relegated to the scrap heap for distribution to remote corners of the earth where narrow gauge lines are tolerated during the pioneer days of development. The destruction is due largely to the amazing improvement and cheapening of the motor vehicle which is shoving the slow and electric locomotives into the discard by bringing the automobile within the reach of all classes the makers have provided a means of transportation hitherto unknown and within reach of all who are favored with purses of moderate girth. Tourists undertaking to see scenic resorts go with their own cars prepared for camping or climbing wherever roadbuilders have been able to pave the way. This means that the remotest points of the mountain regions are made accessible for it is known that the road builders and trail blazers in the country long before the sport of the first engine awoke the mountain echoes. During the past week two of the best known scenic railroads in Colorado have been dismantled and their component parts shipped to distant lands. There is the Switzerland Trail up through Boulder Canyon, one of the most rugged gorges in the foothills of the Rockies where the steel gables of the railroad clasped the granite sides of the cliff as the survey meandered around precipitous ledges or clung tenuously to dizzy crags on their way to the summit mining camps which furnished Uncle Sam with his chief store of tungsten during the recent war. The other railroad which has passed down through varying stages of usefulness to the neopolis of unprofitable routes, was the Cripple Creek Scenic route which boldly climbed the steep sides of Pike's Peak and edged its way over the northern shoulder of that mountain to reach the camp which was one of the world's marvels while its gold lasted and kept pouring down the hillside to the reduction plants in the valleys below. These roads managed to earn a precarious living from the patronage of tourists until the coming of the automobile which robbed the old transportation lines of their best patronage. Scenery viewed from the snug bosom of a touring car is stronger attraction than when dished up with sunders and dirt. The automobile is more mobile in its movements and the owners can come and go as they please. If they wish to camp out in a shady nook they are at liberty to do so as long as the party feels disposed to gorge themselves with panoramic spreads or glut themselves with trout served piping hot from the campfire. The scenic railroad has seen its day and capital will be found floundering about furnishing the sinews for adding more failures to the long list that have gone before as a monument to the popularity of the modern motor vehicle.

HARDING'S QUICK DECISION.

The celerity with which Senator Harding picked up the gage of battle thrown down by President Wilson shows the Republican candidate to be a man of action who makes a quick decision on vital points. Mr. Wilson, on the spur of the moment, declared that he dared the Republicans to come out flatfooted for a campaign based on the league of nations. Senator Harding took the president at his word like a catcher picking up a hot liner right from the bat and instantly set the whole campaign machinery moving with his acceptance of the offer to make the league and peace covenant the dominant issue. Mr. Harding is neither a pussyfoot nor a demagogue. He holds deep convictions on the important problems facing the American people and he expresses them in forcible and epigrammatic utterances. In a recent address delivered in Denver he said:

"We ought to declare the Republican party unalterably opposed to government ownership and nationalization of industry or any other compromise with Socialism which promises to fix our goal limits with the limits of mediocrity."

"We have seen the experiment made in the name of war and we ought now to face about on war's extravagant expenditures and get to thinking in millions instead of incomprehensible billions."

"The high cost of government is the first cause of the high cost of living. We must become sane in expenditure and hark back to thrift as security of good fortune."

Senator Harding's public record is clean. He represents the best in American life. At no time has he made compromises with his conscience for the sake of winning support. He lost the governorship of Ohio because he would not consent to make even a partial surrender to radicalism which was manifesting itself in the Ohio industrial districts. "Beloved as McKinley" is the affectionate tribute paid to him by the citizens of Ohio. He is no time server or trimmer turning whichever way the winds blow and his prompt acceptance of the challenge of Mr. Wilson will furnish the keynote of the presidential campaign.

McADOO'S ACTION.

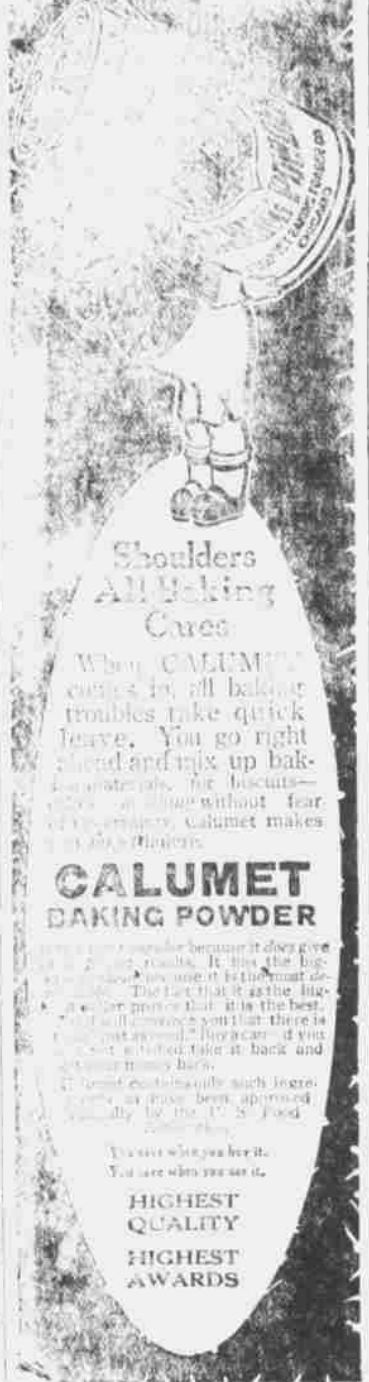
There is no gainsaying the yearning of Mr. McAdoo to succeed his father-in-law in the White House and, when one reads his remarkable letter of withdrawal from the national contest where he was the accepted nominee of three fourths of the party, the impression is conveyed that the cancellation of the presidency was actuated by the overshadowing fear of defeat. Not a man breathes who will not admit that Mr. McAdoo was the brainiest member of the Wilson household from which he retired after he found what a disaster he had made of the railroad administration. The former secretary of the treasury is gifted with rare vision of the far seeing order and, when he says, he will not be a candidate for the highest position in the gift of the American people it implies that he sees defeat and wishes to avoid the ignominy of being the banner bearer under such disheartening conditions. It is another case of the handwriting on the wall which is rendered all the more glaring by the fact that the announcement was withheld until after the Republican convention placed two invincibles before the electors of the nation.

AUSTIN BACHELOR MEETS HIS FATE.

Several months ago Fred Jenks, who with his brother and others owns some valuable mines in Gold Coin district, went to Vancouver, B. C., on business connected with his mining interests.

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LAND LAWS OF THE SINN FEIN

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DUBLIN, June 1.—In several of the western counties of Ireland, disturbances are more agrarian than political. The Sinn Fein seeks to control the land movement and prevent it getting out of hand. It has been decided that nobody shall be attacked or his cattle driven to make him sell part of his land unless he possesses more than 500 acres. This is a very exceptional amount for any tenant to hold so that the agitation in future will be directed solely against landlords and ranchers.

Proclamations have been issued in the distressed counties in the names of their Parliamentary representatives threatening claimants to land to act in the name of the republic. They point out that many of the claims which have been made are without foundation, and only serve to create ill feeling between those who ought to be friends and comrades, which is another way of saying that even Sinn Fein is becoming squeezed.

Whether or not for the arbitration of claims, which in future are to be sent to the registrars of district courts set up under the authority of the Dail Eireann, Courts on these lines though without the force of law, have in some time been functioning in Galway and other counties. Their decisions have not infrequently been in favor of the owner of the land against the claimants.

How He Felt.
 "Where are you going?" the dentist asked of a man starting to leave the waiting room. "I've been waiting here forty-five minutes for you to pull a tooth for me." "Well, I'm ready for you now." Step in the operating room. "I'm not ready for you now, doc. When I first came in here I was thick with doughboy courage, but every second some of it oozed away, and now I guess I must feel about the same way a German in a dugout (or just after he has shot 'Kamerad') and was certain whether the answer would be a hand grenade or an order to march to the rear."

As Usual.
 "What's the discussion in congress?"
 "There's a bill up to exterminate the leeches' bush, which is said to disseminate black spots."
 "The leeches' bush, eh? I suppose they'll proceed to beat around it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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